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**FACULTY SENATE**  
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**Resolution Concerning Proposed  
Increases in Transportation Fees**

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**Class C Resolution adopted at the April 22, 2004, Faculty Senate Meeting**

It is the sense of the Faculty Senate that the proposed three-year staggered increase in all levels of parking fees plus an increase in U-PASS charges for use of public transportation represents an unwarranted reduction in salary for nearly all U.W. faculty and staff at a time when no increases in state-supported salaries have been or are forthcoming.

Since 1996, parking fees for faculty and staff driving a single occupancy vehicle to campus have risen 75%, as compounded. On May 21, 2004, the University Transportation Committee and Transportation Services will present a new three-year transportation fees schedule to the Board of Regents for their approval. This proposed fee schedule includes a 41% increase in fees, again as compounded, for a single occupancy vehicle and increases in every other transportation charge.

For the past several years, austerity budgets have prevailed at the University of Washington. In the current biennium, there were no state-funded raises for either faculty or staff. Faculty and staff at the U.W. have already experienced an actual pay cut through sharply rising health care costs paid by faculty and staff. An increase in the cost of transportation is an additional pay cut.

The Faculty Senate requests that the proposed increases be held to the same percentage as any general salary increases.

The Faculty Senate also requests that the University Transportation Committee and Transportation Services be directed to develop a plan to mitigate existing parking costs for faculty and staff with hardship, medical and disability circumstances who must drive to campus.

Approved by:  
Senate Executive Committee  
April 5, 2004

Approved by:  
Faculty Senate  
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